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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/091,917	Applicant(s) LIS ET AL.	
	Examiner Leigh C. Maier	Art Unit 1623	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 November 2003.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,4,5 and 10-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,4,5 and 10-14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Status of the Claims

Claims 2, 3, and 6-9 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 4, and 5 have been amended. New claims 10-14 have been added. Claims 1, 4, 5, and 10-14 are pending. Any objection or rejection not expressly repeated has been withdrawn. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claim Objections

Claim 5 is objected to because of the following informalities: There appears to be an inadvertent transposition in the claim. The original claim recited "in a C test", but the amended claim recites "in a test C." However, there is no marking indicating an amendment. Furthermore, the specification refers to a "C test" not "test C." Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

Claims 1, 4, 5, and 10-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over PANDE et al (Int. J. Pharm., 1995) in view of GABEL et al (US 6,294,196) as set forth in the previous Office action.

Applicant's arguments filed November 26, 2003 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

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Applicant argues that (1) PANDE does not suggest “that a forced rehydration will enhance the stability and/or the compressibility of the obtained cyclodextrin,” and (2) there is no incentive to combine PANDE and GABEL.

The examiner agrees that PANDE is silent with regard to “forced rehydration.” However, the reference teaches the preparation of highly compactable cyclodextrin by dehydration under various conditions followed by rehydration to a moisture content of about 14%. One of ordinary skill would be motivated to repeat these steps using any apparatus known in the art having utility for processing (dehydration/rehydration) of pharmaceutical excipients. It would be within the scope of the artisan to select the apparatus taught by GABEL. Applicant has not demonstrated criticality either in the rehydration process or the apparatus.

Applicant further notes that the instant process enables the production of a stable, compressible beta-cyclodextrin and cites results in example 3 and 5. These results are noted. The results in example 3 demonstrate the stability of the product but provide no comparison with products made by other methods. The results in example 5 provide a comparison with prior art products but not ones that have been subjected to a different dehydration/rehydration protocol, such as that taught by PANDE. Therefore, these results provide no basis for making a determination of unexpected results.

Applicant’s amendment necessitated the new grounds of objection/rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Examiner's hours, phone & fax numbers

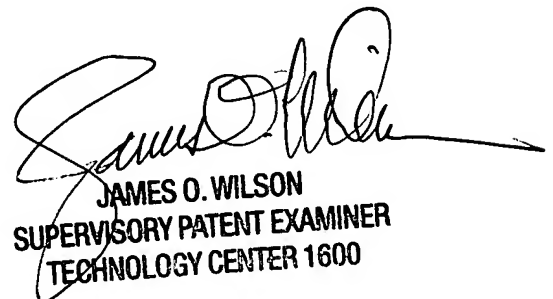
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Leigh Maier whose telephone number is (571) 272-0656. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 7:00 to 3:30 (ET).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. James O. Wilson, at (571) 272-0661, may be contacted. The fax phone number for Group 1600, Art Unit 1623 is (703) 308-4556 or 305-3592.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Technology Center 1600 receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1235.

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